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Free Talk

Semester 学期

Have you gotten really tanned?

Fins 脚蹼

Sugarcane 甘蔗

Free diving 潜泳

Sea turtle 海龟

Diving certificate 潜水证

Tsunami 海啸

Grip strength / gripping power 抓力

Leakage of exam questions 泄题

Homework Analysis - Writing

Summary

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Hammarby Lake City Summary

Hammarby City in Sweden is designed to be eco-friendly by using energy efficiently and reducing waste. It generates electricity and heating by burning household waste and has a system to recycle rainwater, creating green spaces and supporting wildlife. To cut pollution, the city promotes public transport, car-sharing and cycling. Pedestrian-friendly paths and rooftop gardens improve air quality and make the city more sustainable. With its innovation design, Hammarby serves as a model for other cities looking to adopt greener urban planning. The city's sustainable design has gained international interest.

1. Efficient Energy Use & Waste-to-Energy System
2. Rainwater Recycling
3. Eco-Friendly Public Transport (Tram System)
4. Car-Sharing System
5. Pedestrian and Bicycle Network
6. Green Spaces and Rooftop Gardens

IGCSE ESL Writing

Fashion: Expression or pressure

Fashion has always been a part of society, influencing ^{the way} ~~from~~ people express themselves and how they are perceived by others. (However, some believe too much importance is placed on it.) 另一方面观点呢? While some see fashion as a form of self-expression, others believe too much importance is placed on it.

On one hand, While fashion can boost confidence and help people feel accepted, it also creates pressure. Many feel they must wear fashionable clothes can boost confidence and help people feel accepted. However, the pressure to keep up with

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comfortable = 身体上舒适
confident = 心理上舒适

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buy expensive clothes to fit in, which ^{become a financial} ~~is~~ ^{burden to them} stressful and unfair. Instead of blindly following trends, people should wear what makes them ^{feel confidence and} comfortable and happy. Fashion should be about personal style, not just fitting in with the crowd. Or \Rightarrow blending into the crowd.

Moreover, fast fashion has a serious environmental impact. ^{As trends change constantly, people discard old} Another issue is the environmental impact of fast fashion. Constantly changing trends lead to ^{clothes to buy new ones.} waste as people throw away clothes to buy new ones. ^{very excellent explanation} This harms the planet and promotes a culture of ^{overconsumption} excess. Instead of chasing trends, people should focus on quality over quantity and develop ^{own style} a special style. \Rightarrow How special? What style?

In summary, ... \Rightarrow Forget again?

Being fashion is a personal choice, but it should not define a person. People should wear what suits them best and focus on being themselves.

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Introduction

1 → 跳过了其他人的观点，直接写了自己的观点

应该先总结大家的看法，再说出自己的观点

Body Paragraph 1

1 → While fashion can boost confidence and help people feel accepted...

→ On one hand, ... / First, fashion can boost confidence and help people feel accepted, but it also creates/causes pressure.

要加顺序逻辑词，表达观点一（第三段同理，说明这是第二个观点）

2 → 观点句提到 boost confidence + feel accepted + creates pressure, 但是下文只分析了“pressure”。

写作文要前后呼应

3 → Instead of blindly following trends, people should wear what makes them comfortable and happy. → Instead of blindly following trends, people should wear what makes them comfortable and confidence.

comfortable and confidence是一对“押头韵”，而且前面讲到“fit in”，所以更多指的是心理方面的，comfortable and confidence既有身体上感觉舒适（physically），也有心理上感觉舒适（psychologically）

Body Paragraph 2

1 → Another issue is the environment impact of fast fashion. →

Moreover, fast fashion has a serious environmental impact.

要加顺序逻辑词，表达观点二（第二段同理，说明这是第一个观点）

2 → Constantly changing trends lead to waste as people throw away clothes to buy new ones. → Constantly changing trends lead to waste as

people **discard old clothes** to buy new ones.

Throw away比较口语；另外，要强调是扔掉*旧*衣服，买新的

3 → This harms the planet and promotes a culture of excess. → This harms the planet and promotes a culture of **overconsumption**.

Conclusion

1 → 开头需要写表示总结的词组

In summary

In conclusion

To sum up

To conclude

All in all

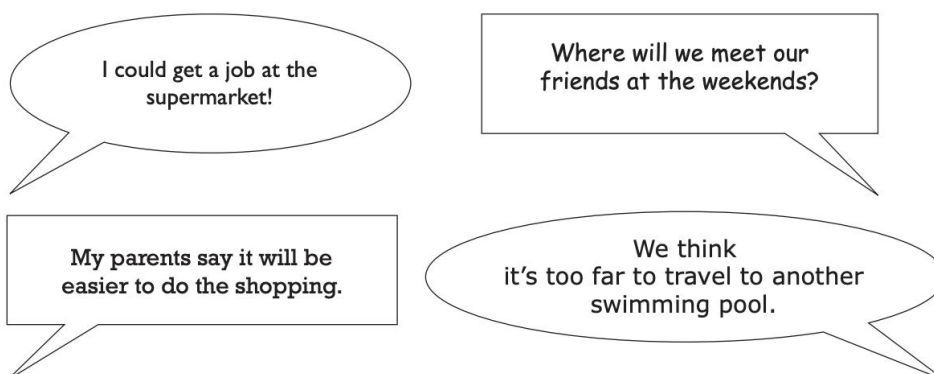
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New Writing Task - In-class Practising

There is a proposal to close the swimming pool in your town and build a supermarket there instead.

Here are some comments from young people in your town:



Write an article for the local newspaper, giving your views.

The comments above may give you some ideas, and you should try to use some ideas of your own.

Your article should be between 100 and 150 words long.

You will receive up to 7 marks for the content of your article, and up to 6 marks for the style and accuracy of your language.

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Introduction:

There is a proposal to ~~improve resident living quality~~ (→ improve the quality of life for residents), which is ~~shutting down~~ (→ closing) the swimming pool and building a supermarket (+ instead). While some people support this proposal, while others disagree. In my opinion, building a supermarket offers more ~~convenience~~ (→ benefits).

Body Paragraph 1:

First, building a supermarket offers more ~~benefits~~ (→ convenience) than swimming pool. People can spend less time on the way to the

supermarket, which makes daily life more convenient. For example, people who are busy might have trouble ~~traveling~~ (→ managing time) ~~to~~ (→ for) a supermarket far away. Having a nearby supermarket saves their time, which allows them to... (+ schedule their plan better).

Body Paragraph 2:

Second, building a new supermarket ~~can~~ offer(s) more job opportunities, especially for the elderly. There is ~~no~~ (→ less) age limit for the job (+ in the supermarket). Some old people who want to stay active and avoid being (→ feeling) lonely can find a job in the supermarket, which allows them to be socially-connected with others.

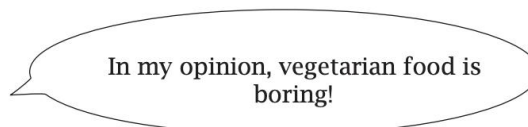
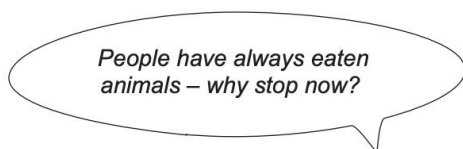
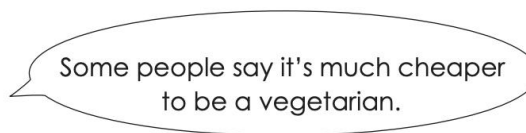
Conclusion:

To sum up, (+although swimming pool is important,) building a supermarket is more practical, because it provides job opportunities and ~~living convenience~~ (→ convenience to residents). Therefore, building a supermarket is more beneficial for people.

Homework 1 - ARTICLE

Some people think that the world would be a better place if everyone became vegetarian.

Here are some comments from your friends:



Write an article for your school magazine, giving your views.

The comments above may give you some ideas, and you should try to use some ideas of your own.

Your article should be between 100 and 150 words long.

You will receive up to 7 marks for the content of your article, and up to 6 marks for the style and accuracy of your language.

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Introduction:

Background + people's opinion + your opinion

Body Paragraph 1:

...

Body Paragraph 2:

...

Conclusion:

In conclusion / In summary / To sum up / To conclude / All in all / As stated above, ...

Homework 2 - SUMMARY

Read the following article about the role of cars in modern life.

Write a summary about the reasons why cars are so important to people AND the negative effects of cars on the environment.

Your summary should be about 100 words long (and no more than 120 words long). You should use your own words as far as possible.

You will receive up to 6 marks for the content of your summary and up to 5 marks for the style and accuracy of your language.

Cars – love them or hate them

It is only just over 130 years ago that the first car was invented. In the context of the millions of years since the beginning of our planet Earth, that is no time at all. And yet, because cars are such an essential part of our lives, it seems as though they have always been with us.

Gina O'Donnell, a young marketing executive who runs international campaigns to sell Italian-designed cars to people all over the world, says: "Part of my job is to find out why people drive cars. People choose cars for many different reasons. Some say they are looking for a car that gives them the sense of freedom they desire. Others say that their vehicle is essential because they have to take their children to and from school every day." Priya Patel, mother to three young boys who attend different schools many miles apart, is one such example. Even though she is fully aware of the air pollution that her multiple journeys cause, she doesn't feel that she has any choice at the moment. For some people, their car helps them to express their hidden personality. "When I'm driving my sports car on a sunny day, with the top down, I feel like a teenage rock star," joked a senior manager.

But our love affair with the car has its consequences. The expanding network of concrete roads may be seen as spoiling the beauty of rural areas. Although some people predict that the need for more roads will increase in the future, others are keen to develop different public transport systems, or encourage more people to join car sharing schemes. It's essential to find alternatives, because if we continue to build roads at the same pace, there is an increased risk of flooding. This can occur when rainwater falls on roads and can't drain into the ground so easily.

All over the world there are hundreds of thousands of people employed in the car industry. They work in a wide variety of roles, from marketing executives like Gina O'Donnell, to engineers who create the robots that work on the production line, and quality controllers who inspect the finished products.

Cars are also vital to small businesses all over the world. They are used for transporting goods and merchandise from one part of the country to another. However, all these cars need somewhere to park, and this means that a lot of our green spaces in urban areas are being built on to provide car parks.

The good news is that people are trying to find ways of helping the environment without having to give up their cars. Scientists are busy researching new fuels, for example by recycling the vegetable oil that restaurants use in their kitchens. Electric cars that have rechargeable batteries are often seen in our cities these days.

We are left with the dilemma about whether the benefits of cars in our daily lives outweigh the negative effects on the environment. This question will no doubt continue to engage people for many years to come.

Homework 3 - Vocabulary Quiz

1. A person who buys goods or services for personal use.
→ Word: _____
2. To take part in an activity or event with others.
→ Word: _____
3. A written or spoken description of something that has happened.
→ Word: _____
4. To delay doing something until a later time because you do not want to do it.
→ Word: _____
5. Something that is necessary or demanded.
→ Word: _____
6. To make someone believe that something is true or to do something.
→ Word: _____
7. The ability to do something well, usually gained through experience or training.
→ Word: _____
8. To help something develop or increase.
→ Word: _____
9. An effect or result of an action or event, often one that is not expected.
→ Word: _____
10. A short part taken from a book, speech, film, etc.
→ Word: _____